



FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

Here it is already, Hamfest time. Seems like yesterday since the last one.

This coming meeting is really important that we get a good turn out. We need to staff all the even't positions, especially the kitchen. Prep and cleanup in the kitchen crews are always needed.

Thanks to Stan for his donation, we have a ID circuit for a Foxhunt transmitter, so we should be able to pull it off. Bring your Foxhunt gear if you have it. Its a fun exercise and it you have never done, one don't worry, Mike can provide plenty of help.

Things are going OK at the High School. We are holding steady at three students. They are very committed to getting the circuits working. Thanks to Darrel for his donation of two boxes of electronic kits.

Well, I am off to Visalia to attend the DX convention. Maybe we will see the Elecraft K4.

Also, the next meeting will feature a presentation by Darrel, WD6BOR, on how to put connectors on wires and cables. This should be enlightening to see the correct way to do it.

Many problems with ham stations, especially when it comes to hight SWR issues are due to bad connections or using cheap connectors.

Thats about it from this end.

Please mark your calendar for the 17 and attend our next meeting.

See you there.

73, Jim, K6UUW

NEXT MEETING

Wed, April 17, 2019, 7:30pm

City of Sonoma Police Department

Presenter: Darrel WD6BOR

Topic: Connectors and Cables and Wires,
Oh My!

Minutes of the March Meeting

KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), KG6N (Frank), N7PIB (San), AK6RF (Matt), KA2QQO (Declan), N6TVN (Carl), NJ6E (Stan), W1EJ (Ed), WB6TMH (Mike), KJ6ZMV (Wendy), K6UUW (Jim)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

PRESIDENT

Updated the club info on the ARRL website
KD6FIL is net control in April.

Loomis hamfest was good.

Sent out notices to Bay Area Ham clubs for the Hamfest.

VICE PRESIDENT

Wire termination is the Topic for Next Month.

There is a Tech Class on March 23.

TREASURER

Thank you from the Historic Radio Society for the donation.

The balance is \$3,613.66. Received \$385 in dues and \$10 in donations so far this year.

SECRETARY

Hamfest for 2020 is April 25

Taxes are due by May 15.

Radio Officer

Picked up test equipment at the Hamfest in Loomis

3 students at the High School working on electronics projects.

ACS

Volunteer recognition event is set for April 18.
Go on line to RSVP.

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming dates: Next VE session is April 27 at 9 AM.

Hamfest is April 27

NEW BUSINESS

No band filters will meet Field Day requirements.

Looking for volunteers for the Hamfest. An email will be sent out with a list of the jobs.

Need a club flyer to pass out at the Hamfest and at VE Sessions.

Mystery Box – N7PIB was the lucky recipient.

PROGRAM

Ed Fong, WB6IQN, was the speaker. The topic was A Unique J-Pole Antenna Design. Presentation was done over Sykpe.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

Department of Defense to Transmit Interoperability Exercise Info via WWV/WWVH

The US Department of Defense (DOD) plans to start making use of a provisional time slot on WWV and WWVH to announce upcoming HF military communication exercises and how the Amateur Radio community can become involved in them. The announcements will occur at 10 minutes past on WWV and at 50 minutes past on WWVH. WWV and WWVH transmit on 2.5, 5, 10, 15, and 20 MHz.

(from ARRL Newsletter, 4/4/2019)

—Submitted by Jim, K6UUW

Smithsonian Institution's NN3SI Returning to the Air

The historic NN3SI call sign is being reactivated under the aegis of the Smithsonian Institution Amateur Radio Group. "We do not have a physical station location, and we are not open for guest operation as in the past, but this is the start to Amateur Radio slowly coming back at the Smithsonian," the group's president, John Weise, N4NPG, told ARRL. "We expect to begin operating holiday-style starting in April."

(from ARRL newsletter, 3/28/2019)

—Submitted by Jim, K6UUW

Scammers Exploiting Gmail "Dot" Accounts

Business technology news website ZDNet [reported recently](#) that scammer groups are

exploiting so-called Gmail "dot accounts" for online fraud. A lesser-known characteristic of Gmail is that it ignores the dot character within Gmail addresses. "Dots don't matter in Gmail addresses," a Gmail Support response explains. "If someone accidentally adds dots to your address when emailing you, you'll still get that email."

Google pointed out, though, that if you use Gmail through work, school, or other organization (such as yourdomain.com or yourschool.edu), dots **do** change your address. ZDNet says crooks use "dotted" Gmail addresses to file fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits and fake tax returns, and to circumvent trial periods for online services.

[More recently](#), someone exploited dotted Gmail accounts to trick Netflix account holders into adding credit card details to scammers' accounts, registered with the user's dotted Gmail address. A legitimate "update your card details" Netflix email would arrive in a real user's inbox, who would then unknowingly update a scammer's account instead of their own.

(from ARRL newsletter, 3/21/2019)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

ARRL's New Podcast: "So Now What?"

The ARRL has started a podcast for new Hams, or those looking to refresh their knowledge of some of the basics. The podcast seeks to cover questions mostly likely asked by new operators that might be preventing them from more fully engaging with and being active in the hobby. Look for it anywhere you currently subscribe to podcasts.

<http://www.arrl.org/so-now-what>

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

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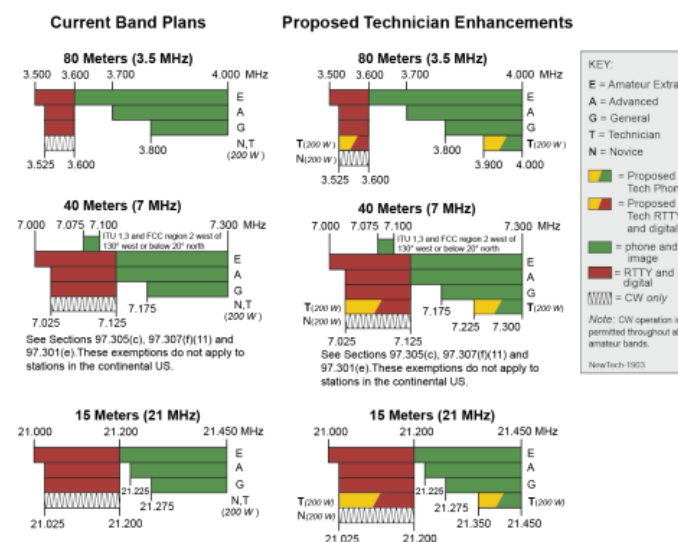
—By Robert KA5WSS

I recently worked K5PS on 20M using FT8. The call sounded vaguely familiar and I wondered if I had met this person during my time in Texas. As soon as the QSO was completed I hopped onto QRZ.com and typed his callsign in. His bio came up and it turns out it was not who I thought it might be. To my surprise though, I spotted my callsign listed in his ClubLog widget as his latest contact a mere few seconds after it was made.

CLUBLOG				
K5PS	Worked 325	Confirmed 325	Log Search	
DX Call	Date	Band	Mode	Entity
KA5WSS	2019-03-15	20M	Data	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KB2ELM	2019-03-15	20M	Data	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ARRL Proposes Expansion of Technician Privileges

The ARRL has submitted a Petition for Rule Making (RM-11828) asking the FCC to expand HF privileges for Technician licensees. The proposal would allow for expanded bandwidth on the 80, 40 and 15 meters bands. Permitted modes would be CW, phone and digital modes. A summary of the changes are represented here:

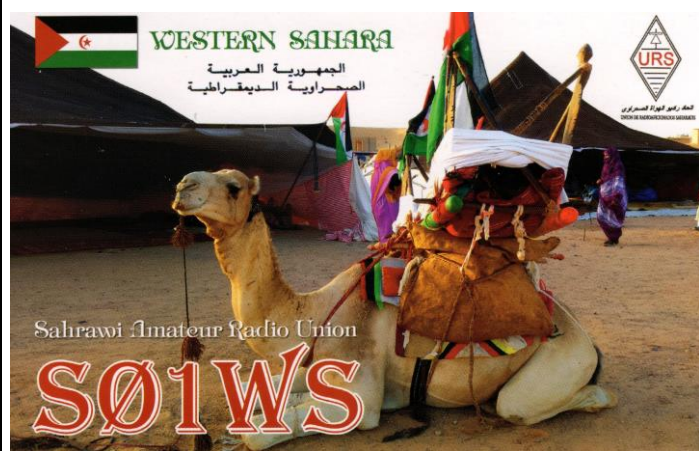


Currently, the 378,000 Technician licensees make up over half of all Amateur Radio operators. However, the attrition rate is high and participation rate low within the group. The League hopes to inspire greater participation by giving them a larger taste of what Ham Radio has to offer.

<http://www.arrl.org/TechnicianEnhancement>

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

From The QSL Inbox...



—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Black Bear Restaurant, 201 W Napa St, #34 (Marketplace Shopping Center), Sonoma. The fun starts at 08:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

—OR—

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**2019 ACS
Net Control Assignments**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY		
AUGUST	BILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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	Name	Call
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST	CARL	N6TVN
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 17, 2019, 7:30PM

**AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, CITY OF SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 FIRST ST W, SONOMA
SEE YOU THERE.**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2019

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.